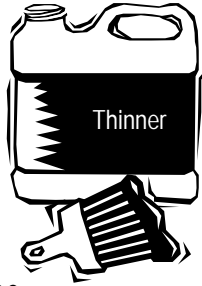


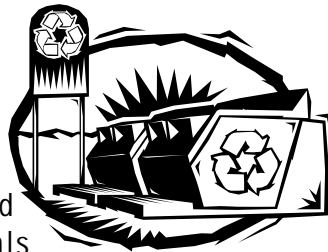
## • Paint Cleanup

- Never clean **brushes** or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- For **water-based paints**, paint out brushes to the extent possible, and rinse in the sink.
- For **oil-based paints**, paint out brushes to the extent possible. Clean with thinner and then, filter and reuse thinner or solvent.



## ⑤ Recycle or Reuse Leftover Paints

- Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to local graffiti paint-out programs.
- Recycle or use up excess paint. Call the Hazardous and Toxic Materials Office for disposal or recycling, telephone the City of Long Beach's Integrated Resources Bureau (IRB) at (562) 570-2876 for more information.



## Spill Response Agencies

- To report a spill or release of hazardous material that actively threatens people or property call:  
**City of Long Beach - Fire Department**  
Dial 911
- To report a spill or release of motor oil, paint, solvents, or fuel in immediate danger of entering storm drain system call:  
**City of Long Beach - Fire Department**  
Dial 911
- If not in immediate danger of entering storm drain system call:  
**City of Long Beach - Fire Department**  
(562) 436-8211
- To report non-hazardous spills in sewer system call:  
**City of Long Beach - Water Department**  
(562) 570-2390

## Storm Drains & Public Streets

- To report clogged catch basins & drains call:  
**City of Long Beach - Water Department**  
(562) 570-2390
- To report sediment of mud in public street or alley call:  
**City of Long Beach - Department of Public Works**  
(562) 570-2700
- To report trash, leaves, branches, & grass clippings in the public street or alley call:  
**City of Long Beach - Department of Public Works**  
(562) 570-2876

## Unhealthful Discharges or Conditions

- To report discharges of food waste.
- To report discharges of sewage, greywater, dirtywater, RV waste, raw sewage, or pool & pond water.
- To report discharges of stagnant pool or pond water.
- To report discharges from apartment house dumpsters call:  
**City of Long Beach**  
**Department of Health & Human Services**  
**Bureau of Environmental Health**  
(562) 570-4129

## Illicit Discharges from Private Property

- To report discharges from dumpsters on private property.
- To report discharges from washing of roofs of single family dwellings.
- To report trash & debris on privately owned property.
- To report illegal mobile car wash businesses.
- To report illegal auto repair business on private property.
- To report Auto repair on the public street.
- To report discharges from construction sites call:  
**City of Long Beach**  
**Department of Planning & Building**  
(562) 570-6651

This brochure is one of a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures. Other pamphlets include:

Automotive Maintenance & Car Care

Food Service Industry

Fresh Concrete & Mortar Application

General Construction & Site Supervision

Heavy Equipment & Earth-Moving Activities

Horse Owners & Equine Industry

Home Repair & Remodeling

Landscaping, Gardening & Pest Control

Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi & Fountain Maintenance

Roadwork & Paving

For additional brochures call:

**City of Long Beach**  
**Department of Planning & Building**  
(562) 570-6651

For more information about storm drain protection call:

**City of Long Beach**  
**Department of Public Works**  
**Bureau of Engineering**  
**Stormwater Management Division**  
(562) 570-6023



# Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)



## Painting

Professional Painters

Dry Wall Crews

Plasterers

Paper Hangers

Floor Covering Installers

General Contractors

Home Builders

Developers

Do-It-Yourselfers

## Ocean Pollution Prevention: It's Up to Us

Long Beach has two drainage systems -- the sewers and the storm drains. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to the ocean. Because the system contains no filters, it now serves the *unintended* function of carrying urban pollution straight to the ocean.

This pamphlet tells you how to prevent ocean pollution from "stormwater" or "urban runoff."

Rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants creates stormwater pollution. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides and litter.

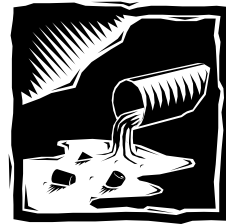
Urban runoff pollution flows to the ocean through the storm drain system -- 395 miles of pipes that take water and debris straight from Long Beach streets to the ocean. Each year millions of gallons of polluted urban runoff enter the ocean untreated, leaving toxic chemicals in our surf and over 4,300 tons of trash on our beaches.

Urban runoff pollution contaminates the ocean, closes beaches, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of inland flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins. Overall, stormwater pollution prevention programs cost the City of Long Beach more than \$12.7 million per year.

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure a cleaner ocean and city.

## Painting Problems

All paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wildlife and humans. That is why proper handling and disposal of these products is so important.



Toxic chemicals from liquid or solid products or from cleaning residues or rags may enter the ocean via storm drains.

It is especially important not to clean brushes in an area where paint residue can flow to a street, gutter or storm drain. Once paint residue enters the storm drain system, it flows directly to the ocean.

## Solutions

### ☒ Keep Work Sites Clean

Best management practices such as handling, storing, and disposing of materials properly can prevent pollutants from entering the storm drains.



### • General Business Practices

- **Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the street, gutter, and storm drains.** Liquid residues from paints, thinners, solvents, glues and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes. When thoroughly dry, used brushes, rags, drop cloths and empty paint cans (lids off), may be disposed of as trash.



- **Use water-based paints** instead of oil-based paints. Look for the words "Latex" or "Clean up with water" on the label.
- **Don't use paints over 15 years old.** They may contain toxic levels of lead.
- **Reuse paint thinner.** Set used thinner aside in a closed jar to settle out paint particles. Then pour off clear liquid for future use. Wrap the residue in newspaper and dispose of it in the trash.



### • Paint Removal

- **Chemical paint stripping** residue is a hazardous waste. For disposal information telephone the City of Long Beach's Integrated Resources Bureau (IRB) at (562) 570-2876.



- Chips and dust from **marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin** are hazardous wastes. Dry sweep and telephone the City of Long Beach's Integrated Resources Bureau (IRB) at (562) 570-2876 for disposal information.
- Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous dry stripping and **sand blasting** may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- When stripping or cleaning **building exteriors** with high-pressure water, block storm drains. Wash water onto a dirt area. Check with the local wastewater treatment authority to find out if you can collect (mop or vacuum) building cleaning water and drain it to the sewer.

